

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bid Proposals will be received by Construction Administration, The University of Alabama, 1205 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401, **Thursday, February 25, 2010 until 2:00 pm, CST** for construction of the **Science & Engineering Complex, Phase III, Bid Package Two – Building Construction**, at The University of Alabama, UA Project #235-09-044, at which time they will be opened and read.

This project is being partially funded by The Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the amount of \$9,419,850 which is 13% of the total budgeted amount of \$70,000,000. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is partially funding this project in the amount of \$30,000,000 which is 43% of the total budgeted amount of \$70,000,000. The remaining amount of \$30,580,150 which is 44% of the total budgeted amount, is being funded with University of Alabama funds.

Applicants/bidders for a lower tier covered transaction (except procurement contracts for goods and services under \$25,000 not requiring the consent of a DOC official) are subject to 2 CFR Part 1326, Subpart C "Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)." In addition, applicants/bidders for a lower tier covered transaction for a subaward, contract, or subcontract greater than \$100,000 of Federal funds at any tier are subject to 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Applicants/bidders should familiarize themselves with these provisions, including the certification requirement. Therefore, applications for a lower tier covered transaction must include a Form CD-512, "Certification Regarding Lobbying—Lower Tier Covered Transactions," completed without modification.

**All General Contractors and Subcontractors (including those already on the University Master List) in the trades of Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, Testing Adjusting and Balancing, Masonry, Pre-cast Concrete Manufacturer, Elevator Manufacturer/Installation, and Roofing are required to prequalify prior to requesting Bid Documents.** If you are interested in being prequalified for this Project, please request a Prequalification Request Packet from Davis Architects, Inc., 120 23<sup>rd</sup> Street South, Birmingham, AL 35233, phone 205-322-7482. Return one (2) copies of your firm's qualifications in the format described in the Prequalification Request Packet to the office of Davis Architects, Inc., Attn: Mr. Jonathan Lessem and two (3) copies to The University of Alabama Construction Administration, 1205 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401, Attention: Mr. Ben Henson, UA Project Manager 205-348-6831 on or before 5:00pm CST, Tuesday, December 15th, 2009. **Only on-time, hard copies will be accepted. Faxed, e-mailed, or late submittals will not be accepted.** In reviewing the submittals, emphasis will be placed on your firm's experience with projects similar in size and type to this project and experience with projects on college campuses. You will be notified of your prequalification status by 5:00 pm CST, Friday, January 22, 2010.

Note: Any Contractor not already on UA's master list that has been previously prequalified for University of Alabama projects of similar size and scope within the last six (6) months, and who is interested in bidding on this project, may submit a letter to the Project Manager on or before 5:00pm CST, December 15, 2009 requesting a waiver of the prequalification requirement for this project. The Project Manager shall advise the Contractor in writing within two business days from the receipt of the request as to whether the waiver shall be granted. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to request additional relevant project specific information and relevant experience information to determine whether to grant the waiver or to request the Contractor to submit a full prequalification packet.

Contractors are advised to request the waiver as soon as possible. In no event shall the Awarding Authority accept prequalification packets after the submission deadline of 5:00pm CST, December 15, 2009. All deadlines will be final.

A mandatory pre-bid conference for General Contractors will be held at Room 1092 Shelby Hall, 250 Hackberry Lane Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 at 1:30 pm CST, Thursday, February 4, 2010, and continue on to the job site.

Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents will be available on January 28, 2010, are open to public inspection, and may be obtained from the Architect/Engineer, Davis Architects, Inc., 205-322-7482. Up to two sets of full-size drawings and specifications may be obtained by Contractors, upon request to Davis Architects, Inc. and upon a deposit of \$200 per set, made payable to Davis Architects, Inc., which is refundable upon receipt of a bona fide bid and upon the return of the drawings and specifications in good condition within ten days after the bid opening. Deposit will be forfeited if the Contractor fails to submit a bona fide bid and fails to return drawings and specifications not later than seven days prior to date of bid opening. Contractors may obtain additional full-size sets of drawings and specifications for \$200 per set that covers the cost of reproduction and mailing. This payment is to be made by separate check, as it is not refundable. Subcontractors, Material Suppliers and others may obtain drawings and specifications at the cost of reproduction and mailing as stated above, which is not refundable.

Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are open to public inspection and will be available for EXAMINATION ONLY starting January 28, 2010, at The University of Alabama, Office of Construction Administration, 1205 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. Plans and specifications will also be made available for EXAMINATION ONLY at Tuscaloosa Blueprinting and Reprographics LLC, 1926 University Blvd., Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401; Reed Construction Data, Document Processing Center, 30 Technology Parkway South, Suite 500, Norcross, GA, 30092-2912; AESC Superstore, 3901 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405; Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., c/o ISqFt Plan Room 2801 5th Ave. South Birmingham, AL 35233; and McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge, 3535 Grandview Parkway, Suite 225 Birmingham, Alabama 35243.

Bid security shall be deposited with each bid as provided in Instructions to Bidders. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of 60 days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. All bidders shall meet licensing requirements of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama.